



## Pioneer Valley Railroad

*A Pinsky Railroad*

The Pioneer Valley Railroad is an aggressive, customer-oriented short line railroad operating in western Massachusetts. Formed in 1982, the PVRR directly serves industries in the cities of Westfield and Holyoke. The lines were originally built by the old New Haven Railroad and were owned by Conrail prior to 1982.

The Pioneer Valley Railroad interchanges with CSXT in Westfield, Massachusetts. PVRR and CSXT have an excellent working relationship and move cars efficiently in and out of the Pioneer Valley. This cooperative effort helps PVRR customers to be more competitive in the marketplace. Customers also benefit by being located on a locally owned, home-based short line that routinely provides customized switching.

The Pioneer Valley Railroad handles over 4,500 cars annually. It has room for up to 350 storage cars and has a certified AAR car shop on line in Westfield.

In order to allow the many local industries that do not have direct rail access to take advantage of the railroad's service, the Pioneer Valley Railroad offers several intermodal alternatives, providing various transloading-storage-truck delivery programs for a variety of packaged and bulk commodities. The Pioneer Valley also enjoys a unique relationship with its sister company, Railroad Distribution Services of Massachusetts, which provides a wide range of services in the distribution field.

### Community Activities

- Boys and Girls Club of Westfield
- Westfield Fire Department Benefits
- Westfield Police Association Sports Program

### Industry Participation

- American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
- Massachusetts Railroad Association
- Operation Lifesaver

### Major Customers

Ashland Chemical  
Barker Steel  
Duke Energy  
Jen Coat  
Little Rill  
Lowe's  
Railroad Distribution Services  
Southern States (Agway)

### Major Commodities Handled

Aluminum  
Animal feed  
Ice melt  
Lumber  
Paper  
Plaster  
Plastics  
Propane  
Salt  
Steel  
Sugar  
Wax

### Management Staff

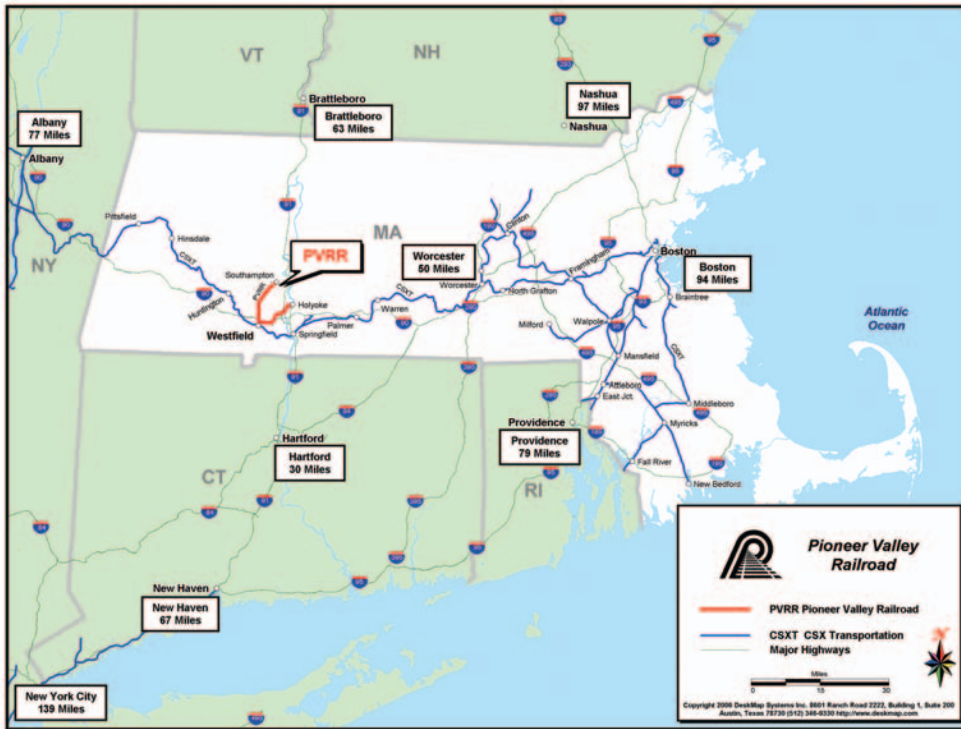
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*General Manager: Mike Rennie*  
*Operations Manager: Larry Bates*



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## Pioneer Valley Railroad System Map

Southampton Branch . . . . . 11 miles

Holyoke Branch . . . . . 16 miles

### Industrial Development

For more information about industrial development, please contact Mike Rennie, general manager, at (413) 568-3331.

### Awards

#### Jake Safety Award

2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, and 1998

